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**PATENT APPLICATION*****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

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*Docket No.:* 121027-076 (new)  
  
*Applicant:* Yoshinori KUMASAKA et al.  
  
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DISPOSABLE PANTS  
  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed April 23, 2003 in connection with the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.